

**MINUTES OF LAYTON CITY
COUNCIL WORK MEETING**

JUNE 15, 2023; 5:39 P.M.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS
PRESENT:**

**MAYOR JOY PETRO, ZACH BLOXHAM, CLINT
MORRIS, TYSON ROBERTS, AND DAVE
THOMAS**

PARTICIPATING ELECTRONICALLY: BETTINA SMITH EDMONDSON

STAFF PRESENT:

**ALEX JENSEN, GARY CRANE, TRACY
PROBERT, STEPHEN JACKSON, DAVID PRICE,
JOELLEN GRANDY, LAYNE JENKINS, KEVIN
WARD, DOUG BITTON, GAVIN MOFFAT, ED
FRAZIER, AND KIM READ**

The meeting was held in the Council Conference Room of the Layton City Center.

Mayor Petro opened the meeting.

AGENDA:

COUNCILMEMBER REPORT

Councilmember Thomas announced he would be out of town until Sunday, June 25, 2023. He mentioned he could be reached via phone.

Councilmember Smith Edmondson informed the Council she was currently attending the Utah Prevention Coalition Conference, affiliated with CTC (Communities that Care). She announced Davis Behavioral Health was proceeding with the full-time position for the Layton CTC Coordinator. She reminded the Council it should be receiving an invitation from OPPA (On Pitch Performing Arts) for its annual fund raiser at Top Golf in July.

Mayor Petro requested she report on the numbers for Parents Empowered at Surf'n Swim last Saturday. Councilmember Smith Edmondson believed there was approximately 125 in attendance and indicated it had been a great event. She mentioned the Parents Empowered messaging artwork that was visible in the Surf'n Swim area. She added the event offered free pizza, popcorn, and drinks available for those attending. She expressed appreciation to the City's Parks & Recreation Staff for their efforts. Mayor Petro explained how those which hadn't registered to attend ahead of time were allowed to participate.

Mayor Petro announced the Freedom Light Festival representative was stuck in traffic and would be presenting upon arrival.

**AMEND TITLE 16, CHAPTER 16.04, SECTION 16.04.010 OF THE LAYTON MUNICIPAL
CODE – ADOPT THE 2021 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE WITH
AMENDMENTS AND APPENDIX L – ORDINANCE 23-11**

Kevin Ward, Fire Chief, explained the International Fire Code was updated every three years and the City followed that lead. Additionally the Fire Department was proposing adoption of Appendix L, an additional amendment to require installation of an air replenishing system. He explained this would provide better resources to firefighters fighting large structure fires within the City and continued to explain the benefits and requirements of the system. He explained the system and technology wasn't new; however, Layton would be the first entity within the State of Utah implementing the system. He added this was being implemented in anticipation of the future. He mentioned in conjunction with the adoption

of the requirement, the system would be implemented at the City's training tower and shared a short video presentation.

Mayor Petro inquired about the feasibility of retrofitting a large facility to accommodate the system and Chief Ward pointed out there were currently no buildings of this size currently located within the City. A discussion followed about the cost of including the system during construction and whether the requirement could potentially discourage businesses/manufacturers from locating to the City and going elsewhere which hadn't adopted this requirement.

PRESENTATION – FREEDOM LIGHT FESTIVAL

Dalane England introduced herself and the Freedom's Light Foundation to the Council. She briefly reviewed the organization's background with providing education specific to founding men and women of the United States. She explained what could be expected by attending the Freedom Light Festival in September which included some of the following:

- Games and activities reinforcing principles of the Constitution
- Bill of Rights
- Forms of Government
- Articles of the Constitution
- Recreation of colonial times
- Actors/Actresses presenting education would be dressed in colonial/period clothing
- Sons of the American Revolution would be attending
- Over 150 volunteers presenting the event
- Professor Gove Allen, Keynote Speaker on the "Five Lost American Virtues" Friday, September 15, 2023, followed by a band and dance

She indicated this year's event would be the 16th and invited the Council's participation in the event the week of September 17, during Constitution Month, designated by HB179 and declared by Governor Cox, during the month of September.

She requested the City's support by highlighting it in a newsletter or mass email to residents. She also indicated volunteer opportunities were available during the event.

Mayor Petro inquired where the event would take place and Ms. England responded it would take place at Bountiful Park, and had, for the past 16 years. Ms. England continued to explain more about the event. Mayor Petro indicated this was what the City would like to implement along with its Freedom Plaza and suggested she visit with JoEllen Grandy, Parks Planner.

Councilmember Bloxham expressed appreciation for providing education to the youth and shared a personal experience of teaching in schools about the Constitution.

Councilmember Smith Edmondson requested clarification about partnering with the event and Ms. England identified the different ways members of the Council be involved and/or partnering opportunities for advertising the event.

Ms. England left the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

UPDATE – COLD CREEK WAY TRAFFIC CONCERNS

Stephen Jackson, City Engineer, oriented the Council with the Cold Creek Subdivision and location of Cold Creek Way. He reviewed language from the Transportation Master Plan with the Council pointing out the difference between the different types of roads within the City and indicated the functional classification of Cold Creek Way was identified as a 'collector' road. He reported Staff had completed traffic counts in 2018, 2020, and 2021 and spoke to the vehicular traffic numbers and designated speed limit on the road. He also reported on other information gleaned from the most current traffic count,

reflecting only 18 large trucks during the study. He stated the City intended to conduct another traffic count in September once school was back in session and a discussion followed.

Councilmember Thomas expressed his opinion the number of large truck traffic had dramatically changed and reported what he had witnessed. Mr. Jackson mentioned this road wasn't designed for large construction vehicles.

Councilmember Bloxham expressed appreciation to Staff for the information and the numbers and inquired what the City should be considering to inform the public about the appropriate speed on the wider road. Mr. Jackson responded additional speed limit signs had been installed along the road and reported the Police Department hadn't identified a significant number of speeders when it had monitored the road. A discussion followed regarding possible signage options.

Alex Jensen, City Manager, indicated this issue was replicated in every subdivision within the City and stated the City would be purchasing an additional mobile trailer to monitor for alerting the speed of vehicular traffic along the road.

Mr. Jackson also reported on limited site distance at the location of the two yield signs along the roadway and indicated Staff recommended replacing those with stop signs and the discussion followed.

AMEND THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 – ORDINANCE 23-14

Tracy Probert, Finance Director, asked if there were any questions regarding the proposed budget amendments and there were none.

ADOPT THE BUDGET, PROPERTY TAX RATE AND COMPENSATION SCHEDULE FOR ELECTED, STATUTORY AND APPOINTED OFFICERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 – ORDINANCE 23-13

Councilmember Smith Edmondson requested clarification specific to the Compensation Schedule pointing out the discrepancy between the Staff report and language in the ordinance. Mr. Probert expressed agreement with Councilmember Smith Edmondson's comment and requested language specific that no changes were proposed for the Elected Officials compensation be called out in the motion for approval of the Ordinance. Councilmember Smith Edmondson also identified a correction for the year was needed in the same ordinance.

Mr. Probert announced he would share a brief presentation during the regular Council Meeting.

FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION ON POOL ANALYSIS

David Price, Parks and Recreation Director, asked if the Council had any questions receiving the pool analysis from the last City Council meeting and a discussion followed. He reported the small pool had been drained and closed and indicated the residents had adapted well to the closure.

Councilmember Thomas pointed out concern had been expressed by the public that once the small pool was closed nothing would be available if there were maintenance issues with Surf'n Swim. He suggested the City purchase more than the one heater currently needed, in preparation of one going out, and Mr. Price responded the City had purchased three. He continued to explain how Staff anticipated these type of events and had established contingencies, as suggested by Councilmember Thomas, and a discussion followed. Mr. Price informed the Council the estimated time when the pool would be operational, following shipping time and installation.

Mayor Petro asked what was planned moving forward and requested Staff present options for a pool facility including operational and maintenance costs. Councilmember Smith Edmondson inquired about recent discussions with Davis School District and its commitment in partnering with the City. Mr. Price

reported Staff had met and presented ideas on two or three occasions, the most recent within the last three months, and the school district had never expressed a concrete commitment and/or information and a discussion followed.

Councilmember Bloxham suggested the Council needed to determine the City's direction regarding a pool facility and the discussion continued.

Mayor Petro suggested holding a special meeting for this purpose.

**The Council adjourned the Work Meeting to reconvene in a City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
The Work Meeting resumed at 8:01 p.m.**

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Petro presented an alternative solution for the distribution of popsicles along the parade route during the Fourth of July parade. She suggested no longer using the tractor and/or trailer for the distribution of popsicles due to safety issues and using large watermelon bins on pallet jacks and explained what that would look like. She reported she had solicited assistance from approximately 25 airmen from Hill Air Force Base (HAFB) to push and pull the pallet jacks. She believed this would be a good solution with keeping the popsicles along the parade route and a discussion followed.

Mr. Price expressed concern about the possible crowd creep associated with this proposal for distribution of popsicles and the discussion continued.

Mr. Price also shared the proposal of having popsicles designated at intervals along the parade route. Councilmember Morris suggested distributing popsicles prior to the fireworks display instead of at the parade and the discussion continued.

It was also suggested to distribute the popsicles at the end of the parade and the discussion continued.

The Council concluded to distribute popsicles at the end of the parade along the parade route.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Kimberly S Read, City Recorder